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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir A, ELM GROVE FIELD,
Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize six (6) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SU83 and for CV RA SU90 at the locations shown on attached plats.
2. To approve exceptions to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972 (applicable to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), for all of the proposed wells.
3. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B-6, effective May 24, 1978.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of

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the requesting party. Any questions related to the location of the proposed wells should be directed to Ms. Janet Sanford at J-W Operating Company (972) 233-8191.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of both of the two (2) attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

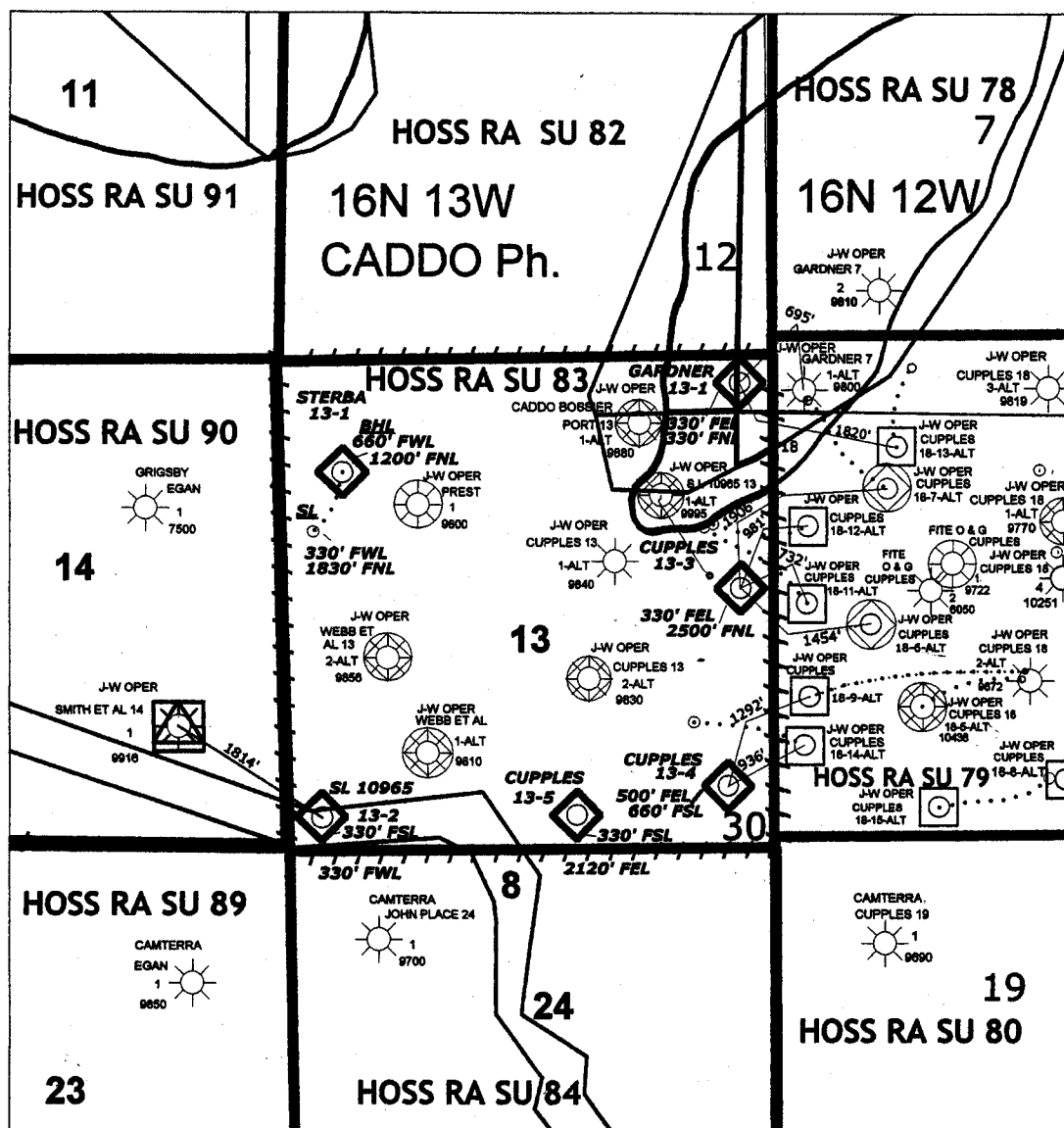
Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

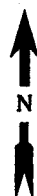
-- Attorney for J-W Operating Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Ms. Janet Sanford (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

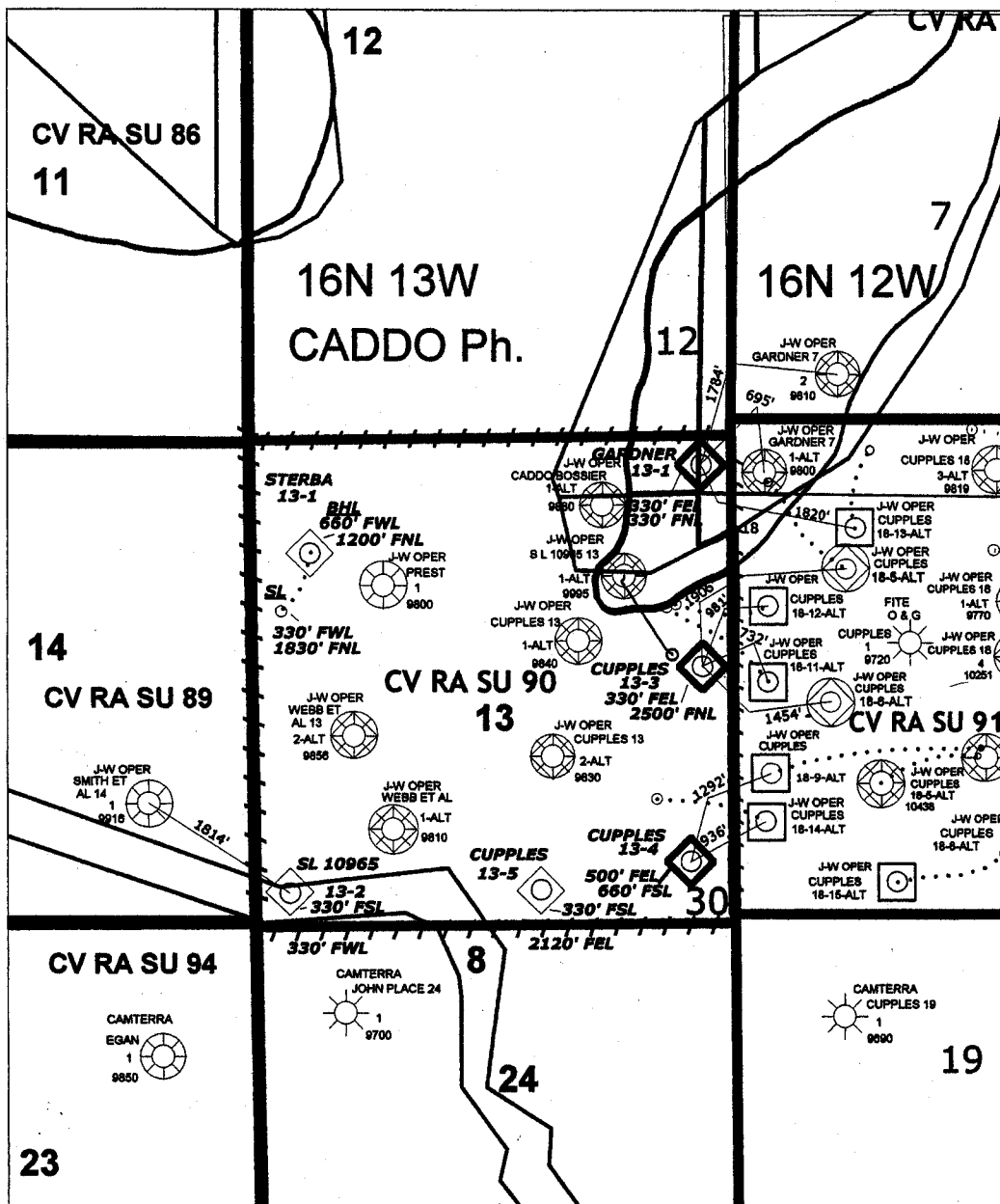


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	Existing Units 361-A series
	Proposed Alternate Unit Well
	Unit Well
	Approved Alternate Unit Well
	Anticipated Substitute Unit Well
Posted Wells > 6000'	



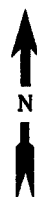
J-W OPERATING COMPANY		
Unit Plat - Hosston Zone Reservoir "A" Elm Grove Field Bossier & Caddo Phs., La.		
Date:	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket No.
Exhibit 1	Scale: 1" = 2000'	04- ??





LEGEND

- Existing Units, 361-B series
- ◊ Proposed Alternate Unit Well
- ⊙ Unit Well
- ⊗ Approved Alternate Unit Well
- ⊠ Pending Alternate Unit Well
- Posted Wells > 8300'



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Unit Plat - Cotton Valley Formation Reservoir "A" Elm Grove Field Bossier & Caddo Phs., La.		
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